

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.40-11.10am Saturday morning, after the Vigil Mass
7.30pm on Saturday evening) or any time by appointment*

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Parish Administrator: Enrico Fertini

(Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.00am to 3.00pm & Friday 11.00am to 4.00pm)

Joint Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes>

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14 DECEMBER 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



[Jesus said of John the Baptist,] 'I tell you, [he is] more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."'

(from Matthew 11:2-11)

WELCOME.... If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, **you are most welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

Today is RECONCILIATION SUNDAY - at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses, between three and five priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. **The 'examination of conscience' given out with last week's newsletter will be given out again before all the Masses.** Both **Fr Jock** and **Fr Shaiju** will be available at each Mass, as will **Fr David Stewart SJ** from Sacred Heart, Lauriston, while **Fr Ray Warren OMI**, of St Mary's, Leith, and **Fr John Obialo SMMM**, of St Theresa's, Craigmillar, will be present at the 9.30am. Remember '*Christ loves us just as we are – fully and unconditionally. Reconciliation is not about fear or guilt; it is about responding to that love and allowing it to transform our hearts and lives*' (Fr Shaiju).

Maria Igoe writes: 'The **December Coffee Morning** will be held on **Monday 15 December** in St John's Hall after the Morning Mass. Donations will be given to **Mary's Meals**. 3,011,060 children are fed every school day across 16 countries. Many other countries are waiting to join the feeding programme. They rely on our contributions. It costs 10p for each meal and £19.15 to feed a child for a year. 93% of all donations goes to the

charity. The CEO only takes a small wage, 51% below the national average. Your donation will enable the children to grow strong and get the education they need to have a productive life. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking with fellow parishioners and friends. Thank you.'

Mass Times for Christmas

Wednesday 24 December- CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm – St John’s – *Christmas Children’s Vigil Mass*

8.30pm – St John’s – *Christmas Vigil Mass*

Thursday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am – St John’s – *Christmas Day Mass [an extra Mass, possible since we now have 2 priests]*

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene’s – *Christmas Day Children’s Mass*

ST MARY MAGDALENE’S CHILDREN’S CAROL EVENING

6.00pm – Next Sunday, 21 December

Children (of all ages – ie there’s no upper age limit!) are warmly invited to St Mary Magdalene’s next Sunday for an evening of Carols and festive songs, led by Regis Gamado and his family – and good things to eat and drink. Spread the Word...

Advent Invitations from the Justice & Peace Group

SCIAF Cards: Available at the back of each of the churches after the weekend Masses, we have a beautiful selection of Christmas cards produced by SCIAF and containing the message "*May you be filled with love, joy and peace this Christmas*". Each pack contains ten cards with two attractive designs and costs £4.50.'

Christmas problems resolved! – REAL Gifts: As usual, your friendly neighbourhood J&P Group is here to help you solve your Christmas present buying problems. Thanks to the **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**, we have our usual range of brilliant Real Gifts – how do you fancy giving someone a flock of chickens, a goat or maybe a vegetable garden. As well as these, we have a range of calendars and packs of beautiful Christmas cards. These will be on sale at the back of both churches for the next couple of weekends and, if cash is a problem, we accept card payments. And don’t forget our **Bethany Christian Trust Buy-a-Bed** gift cards. Each donation of £25 covers the cost to Bethany of providing a bed overnight for a homeless person.

Water for a Village: For several years, we have had a parishes’ appeal to buy Water for a Village (although we didn’t last year as the focus was on the STEKASkills appeal) and we would like to resurrect this again this Christmas. In the poorest parts of the world, clean water is not guaranteed and accessing it can be incredibly difficult. But together we can help make a tangible difference in communities that need clean water. Your gift can help build wells and irrigation systems, and install rain-water collectors, providing families with access to safe, clean water. The target for this gift of water for a village is £1200, which is a lot of money, but the J&P Group are happy to match donations from the parishes, so the minimum target would be £600 (although in previous years, thanks to your generosity, the J&P top-up has been, at most, minimal). Jennifer Morris, Jim Roarty or any member of the J&P Group will be happy to accept your donations (card donations to Jim Roarty).

Mary’s Meals – Double The Love: Mary’s Meals, the wonderful Scottish-based charity now feeding over 3 million children every day at school, are delighted to be able to announce that all donations this festive season will be matched by a group of generous supporters, up to £11 million. So, anything you donate will be doubled! To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, go to <https://www.marysmeals.org> to donate online. Thank you.

Advance Notice of the annual L’Arche Epiphany meal at St John’s – 5 January

On *Monday 5 January 2026* the annual **Epiphany meal** and celebration will be hosted by our two parishes for the Edinburgh L’Arche community. This will take place in St John’s parish hall at 12 noon and is a wonderfully heartwarming and joyful occasion. Mary lannarelli and the hospitality team would welcome assistance with setting up the day before or helping out on the day. If you are able to help out, please contact Mary on 07534666439 or just turn up on the day. Thank you.

We are looking for new WELCOMERS at the 9.30am Mass willing to help offer a warm welcome to all who come to the church on a Sunday morning – please contact Tom Gallagher (0131 661 1311) or Fr Jock....**and also to ensure that those who go to the Hall for tea and coffee after that Mass receive a welcome too** – if willing to join a team on a rota, please contact Bronagh Power (07902 607936) or Fr Jock

The annual Archdiocesan Catholic Directory for 2026 is on sale for £3 at the back of both Churches.

*Christ has no body but Mine,
No hands, no feet on earth
but Mine,
Mine are the eyes with
which he looks
compassion on this world,
Mine are the feet with
which he walks to do good,
Mine are the hands,
with which he blesses
all the world.*

*Mine are the hands,
Mine are the feet,
Mine are the eyes,
I AM HIS BODY.*

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT MINE

*No hands, no feet on earth but Mine,
Mine are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.*

**CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW ON EARTH
BUT MINE**

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

THIS WEEK

Saturday 13 December

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Cluster Advent Retreat** (led by Fr Jim Walls)
(*No morning Mass in St John’s today*)
6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 14 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Reconciliation Sunday)

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
1.00pm – St John’s – **Baptism of Iris Thea Messini-Presta**

Monday 15 December

10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
10.40am – St John’s Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** (donations to *Mary’s Meals*)
6.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) (or type <https://bit.ly/3YJ22F>)
7.00pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Cluster Clergy and Pastoral Council Chairs.**

Tuesday 16 December

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.45am – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 2)**

Wednesday 17 December

9.15am-9.45am – St John’s – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 18 December

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Friday 19 December

10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Charlie Kane** – *livestreamed*
1.00pm – St John’s – **Wedding Rehearsal of Lucy and Kyle Trayer**

Saturday 20 December

10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
2.00pm – St John’s – **Wedding of Kyle Traher and Lucy**
6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.40pm – St John’s – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday 21 December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
6.00pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **St Mary Magdalene’s Carol Concert**

View the links for the Masses by visiting our website: <https://bit.ly/StJStMM>



SAINT OF THE WEEK – St John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Spanish Mystic and Doctor of the Church – Feast Day: 14 December

"Where there is no love, put love, and you will draw love out."



St John of the Cross has been acclaimed as one of the church's great mystics — indeed, a genius of mystical theology. For this he was not merely canonized but proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. In light of this solid recognition, it is important to recall that such approval came only after his death. In life, his spiritual insights were forged in the experience of persecution and suffering, trials inflicted not simply by his own church but by the members of his own house. Juan de Yepes grew up in poverty. His father, a nobleman by birth, had been disinherited for marrying a "common girl" and died several months after Juan's birth, leaving the family in desperate straits. Nevertheless, Juan received an education and pursued his religious inclinations. At the age of twenty-one he became a Carmelite friar, Juan de la Cruz — John of the Cross.

Of the prominent religious orders in Spain, the Carmelites were known for their special commitment to interior prayer and the spiritual life. But by John's day, they had become lax and complacent. The great turning point in John's life came in 1567, the year of his ordination, when he was introduced to Teresa of Avila, leader of a Carmelite reform movement and one of the great religious personalities of the sixteenth century. At that time, she was fifty-two while John was twenty-five. And yet from the start they both recognized an extraordinary spiritual affinity. Teresa had been seeking a man to initiate a parallel reform to her so-called Discalced (barefoot) Carmelites. In John she recognized that man. At the same time, he was greatly attracted by her efforts to restore the Carmelites to a simpler and more deeply spiritual standard. He became her confessor and also the prior of the first community of Discalced friars in Duruelo. Later, when Teresa became prioress of a convent at Avila, she asked him to serve as spiritual director.

Spiritual innovation was a dangerous matter in sixteenth-century Spain. This was the era of the notorious Spanish Inquisition, which thrived on the detection of heresy and nonconformity. Teresa herself was always conscious of the Inquisitor's long arm. And yet much of her greatest opposition came from the traditional wing of her own Carmelite order. John, too, fell a victim to this internecine rivalry. In 1577 he was kidnapped and taken to an unreformed Carmelite monastery in Toledo. He was held there in penal confinement, sustained on bread and water, and taken out regularly to be beaten and abused. This lasted for nine months. Finally, at a point close to death, he managed to make a most miraculous escape by dark of night (an incident which supplied one of his potent metaphors for the spiritual life.)

Although he made it back to his Discalced community, John's sufferings were not over. He continued to find himself in the middle of petty divisions, which only intensified after the death of Teresa in 1582. He was systematically stripped of any position of leadership in the order by jealous rivals determined to belittle his extraordinary gifts. John endured all this treatment without a murmur of complaint. All the time he was writing the mystical treatises that would ensure his later fame. But none of this work was valued while he lived. He died after a long illness on 14 December 1591, alone and virtually ignored in the congregation he had helped to found.

There is a clear relation between John's spirituality and the harshness and sufferings of his life. His mystical theology treats the path by which the soul is united in love with God. Like any great love affair, the relationship is marked by periods of joy as well as desolation. John was particularly acute in his analysis of what he called "*the dark night*," when God appears hidden and the soul endures the interminable suffering of dryness and abandonment. But to the person who seeks holiness, this suffering is simply one of the aspects of love, rather than its absence. If endured, it may lead the soul to the ecstatic breakthrough of union with God.

John's theology was written in the form of commentary on his own mystical poems. His greatest work, *Dark Night of the Soul*, is based on a poem he composed while a prisoner in Toledo. It describes the soul, like a lover, slipping out in the night to keep a rendezvous with its Beloved. John proceeds in his commentary to present a scientific discourse on the way of purgation, a stripping of ego and self-delusion to be achieved not only by means of our own asceticism but with the assistance of involuntary humiliations. John is devastatingly astute in unmasking the psychological devices that impede and distract our efforts at spiritual growth. But ultimately, he writes, the pain

we experience is directed to a goal. Just as the burning of a log transforms the wood into fire, so the stripping away of our imperfections prepares us for the embrace of God.

It is difficult to read the life of Juan de la Cruz without wincing at the cruelties inflicted by his brothers in Christ. And yet in the midst of his ordeal, one can imagine a secret smile on John's face, undetected by his enemies. They could not suspect that by their petty persecutions they were only hastening the saint's reunion with his Beloved. As he wrote in one of his poems,

*I will mourn my death already,
Lament the life I live, as long
As misdeed, sin and wrong
Detain it in captivity.
O my God, when will it be?
The time when I can say for sure,
At last I live: I die no more.*

See: St. John of the Cross, Dark Night of the Soul, trans. E. Allison Peers (Garden City, N.Y.: Image, 1959); Gerald Brenan, St. John of the Cross: His Life and Poetry (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1973).

(Robert Ellsberg ed, All Saints)

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Advent Rosary for Life - Continues **this Monday** at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflection from Fr Jamie McMorrin (St Margaret's in Davidsons Mains). Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Stella Maris Carol Service - Join Archbishop Cushley for an evening of carols, readings and celebration, on **Wednesday 17 December** at 7:00pm, followed by reception. St Mary's Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6AW. Please RSVP to info@stellamarismail.org.

Diploma in Catechetics - Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm **each Thursday on Zoom**, starting 22 January. Cost £220. Register at bit.ly/diploma2026. Promo reel at bit.ly/diplomareel

Rorate Masses at St Mary's Cathedral - The candlelit Rorate Masses continue at 7:00pm on **Thursday 18 December and Monday 22 December**.

Shalom World - Shalom World has 400+ hand-picked Christmas TV shows, including inspiring talks, music, children's stories and reflections for all ages. It's completely free - no pay walls or adverts - simply a gift to help families experience Christ this season. Go to shalomworld.org/christmas

Justice & Peace - Justice & Peace Scotland's latest newsletter is now available www.jandpscotland.org.uk. Read about the latest advocacy and actions on the situation in the Holy Land, at-home poverty and the disregard for human dignity in the UK's immigration detention practices.

For a full list of forthcoming events in the archdiocese, visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

NOTICEBOARD

Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):
By phone or text: 07752682213 email: svpedineast@gmail.com



7.00pm - Monday 15 December
Portobello Town Hall
The Mansfield School of Music Christmas Concert

(scan QR code for info and tickets)

Christmas Carol Concert from the 'Feast of Life' Choir

Sunday 21 December – 7.00pm - Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, EH15 2DL

Chris Jones writes: 'Come join us for a selection of popular Christmas songs and carols, finished off with tea/coffee and seasonal home-baking. - Entrance is FREE, donations to Edinburgh Young Carers. Thank you.'

An Invitation from the Legion of Mary to join them in 'keeping' 'The Five First Saturdays and Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary'

Maria Igoe writes: 'As we have Holy Mass and Reconciliation on Saturday mornings now, parishioners may consider undertaking the Devotion of the 5 First Saturdays. When Our Lady appeared to the 3 children at Fatima in 1917, she asked that they pray for reparation. Reparation simply means making repairs and putting things right. This is in our own lives and also in the world.'

What is involved? 1. *Receive the Holy Eucharist* - 2. *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation* - 3. *Pray five mysteries of the Rosary devoutly* - 4. *Meditate for 15 minutes on one mystery of the Rosary*.

Next meeting will be **Saturday 3 January 2026**. Please join us. Thank you.'

I have done what was mine to do.

May Christ show you yours

(St Francis of Assisi)

A Message from the Inclusivity Group about an Art Exhibition by Children of St John's Primary School

Mary Bainbridge writes: 'We are delighted to be able to share some beautiful artwork from the children of St. John's Primary School. The exhibition is entitled - 'Reflecting on The Leadership of Women in the Gospels through the Joyful Mysteries'. This follows on from our talk last Sunday, given by The Reverend Sigrid Marten on 'The Role of Women in the Formation and Growth of Christianity'. It was a very interesting evening with good opportunity to talk and discuss the topic.'

The children's paintings will be exhibited in Mary Magdalene's Church entrance from today 14 December for two weeks. Thank you to St. John's Primary School for all their hard work!'

Donations to the Parishes

Our new **Card Readers** are ready to be used **at the back of both churches...**

You can also send secure online donations to our Parishes by scanning the QR codes you can find at the back of both our churches. All details (including the 2 codes and our Gift Aid scheme) can be read at

<https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes/gift-aid-scheme>

Update from the Pamoja Charity Sale...

Elizabeth McClory writes: 'Last Saturday's sale raised £550.00, this included £71.00 from the raffle. Also, I would like to thank the parishioner who kindly gave a donation to the charity. The *Pamoja Fashion Team* would like to wish all our supporters, we will be back on Saturday 10 January in St John's Hall, as usual. A Happy Christmas and happy and healthy 2026.'

... and from the Thursday Club.

Gena Gallagher writes: 'Thanks to everyone who joined us at the *Thursday Club Christmas Lunch*, everybody had fun with traditional folk and pop Christmas music and a nice glass of wine. We will see you again on 8 January 2026. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!'



A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – MATTHEW 11:2-11

(The author of this reflection is a friend of Fr Jock who lives in Northumberland)

As a teenager I had a deep-seated loathing of Careers Lessons. In those days (1960's), it seemed to me that not a great deal of guidance was on offer – and any decision would be down to me. I have never been good at confrontation – and even in those days adopted the attitude of ‘turn and face the wall, and the monster will go away!’ Confronting my future presented an insurmountable problem. It's not unusual for those with addictions to have a similar mindset. Rather than face up to making a career choice, I drifted along. Like many before them, my elder siblings had left school and gone straight into employment. They didn't so much pick a career as accept paid employment. I felt I was being drawn to do something but didn't have a clue what that something might be. In my confused adolescence, I couldn't make any sort of career identification let alone articulate a direction. I just didn't know where my life was taking me. My father was very much in the departure lounge of life: his stroke had made him more and more withdrawn, and he would be dead to this life before my 19th birthday. I ended up in seminary and thrived on community living. I was finding my way. I felt I could see a direction – but only just. There were lengthy periods of groping in darkness with only an occasional streetlight piercing the blackness, offering fleeting guidance. Almost 60 years later, I'm still groping, though now possess, by the Grace of God and the people who have orbited my life, a greater sense of purpose, and, dare I say, direction. In between times, I have been in residential therapy centres on two occasions as I wrestled with addiction and self-identity. In both centres, it was the community life that became my sustenance, my hope and helped me to find the ‘self’

This morning, I was reading of the archaeological evidence provided by a fire-pit in Suffolk dating back 400,000 years. Apparently, the part of the UK referred to as East Anglia once hosted large gatherings or tribes of Neanderthals. It is said that some can still be found in Clacton-on-Sea, with a leader called Nigel. The original Suffolk Neanderthals, according to Dr Rob Davis, a palaeolithic archaeologist, lived a communal life around a fire for protection, sustenance and warmth. There's that notion of community again. They are the earliest known example of ‘people’ who learned to control fire as they lived together. By learning how to start and control fire, they helped to develop and further human brain power, form community and develop language skills. No career other than continued existence was on offer. Many burnt fingers, and broken fingernails, calloused hands and serious burns later, their groping would go on to further human evolution.

We are all seekers – seekers of the truth, the meaning of life, whatever we choose to call it. Why am I here? What is my role? Which career should I choose? When Burt Bacharach and Hal David penned the song that accompanied the Michael Caine film ‘*Alfie*’, they posed the question; ‘*What's it all about, Alfie – is it just for the moment we live?*’ Adding: ‘*Without true love we just exist! Until you find the love you've missed – you're nothing at all....Alfie*’ We are called to love, by the very God of Love. It's a fool who dares to tell God what he or she can and cannot do, but all of revelation, the scriptures, the holy writings of all civilisations point to a God who yearns to be in communion with his creation. His will is for us to do the same. We, too, yearn for communion, community, fellowship. It comes in different guises, but it is essentially the same thing – the lifting out of ourselves in the direction of the other. St Augustine of Hippo once taught: *Our hearts are restless, and they will not find rest, until they find God.* We find God in each other, the people around us who are made in His image and likeness – and we find him in our own existence, in our alone-ness. Sometimes the company of others can be quite exhausting; sometimes it stifles. It is then that we retreat into ourselves – there that we enter into communion with the author of our life and the life of all around us.

Today's Gospel tells of John the Baptist. Languishing in his prison cell, with plenty of time for thought, he is questioning life, his own role and humankind's direction. *Are you the One who is to come – or shall we look for another?* Jesus gives him his answer – the same answer he gives you and me.



PARISH REGISTER



Welcome to the World... Callan Micheal Andrew Falvey, born on Friday 5 December, a first child for Emma and Timmy
 Many congratulations to Evelynne and Jim Roarty, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday 12 December

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Asnath Manganwi - Charlotte Wemyss

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Sandy Mackay (50th anniversary)

Una Johnston - Jane Wright

Agnes Stone - John Cahill

Ron McLeay (50th anniversary)

baby Colin Newall - William Cotterell

Mary McInally - Maurice O'Neil

Robert Greenan - Margaret Knowles

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Anne McBirnie, Margaret Cahill, Pat Robertson, Margaret Hand, young Saoirse Golden, Sr Nan McKinnon RSCJ, Kate Walsh, Pauline Robertson, Dorothy Dickson, Celia Stone, Carol Simpson, Maggie and John Flanagan, Alex Nielsen, Belinda Wingfield Digby, Sr Helen McLaughlin RSCJ, Helen Kilgour, Mike Fox, Moira McCafferty, Young Shay Graham, Jimmy Curnyn, Simon Hall, John McLaughlin, Susan Cammack, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, Pamela Hanlon, John Lawler, Betty Dougal, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Maureen Scott, Monica Gorman, Julie Keegan, Jean McInally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Aisha Montgomery, Tom Kay, Eleanor Campanile, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Margaret Ryan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

Offertory 6/7 December:

St Mary Magdalene's, £405.42 total, including £160.42 Offertory, £130.00 Gift Aid and £115.00 online.

St John's, £1594.90 total, including £380.90 Offertory, £207.00 Gift Aid and £1007.00 online.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.13: Jane Wright (2016); John Dalrymple (2016); James Quinn (1991); Joseph P Gannon (1968); Agnes Stone (1964); **Dec.14:** John Cahill (2017); Isabel Garvie (2015); Peter Brown (2004); Annie C Dobson (2002); Margaret Donaldson; Margaret Ward; **Dec.15:** Kate Titterington (2024); Maureen Callaghan (2019); Sarah Carty (2001); Janet Peters (1993); William Cotterell (1984); Jeannie O'Brien (1959); Edward D Maher (1958); Catherine Carvell; Catherine Connell; **Dec.16:** Una Johnston (2021); Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; **Dec.17:** Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; **Dec.18:** Nan Rostant (2020); Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964); **Dec.19:** Michael O'Brien (2017); Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.15: Baby Colin Newall (1968); **Dec.16:** Patricia Scott (1999); **Dec.19:** Mary McInally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Annette Morrison, Mary Jo Bonikowski, Jennifer Kay, Anne Lauder, Mian Astill, Anne Claveirole, Dr Grier Gordon, Kathleen Reville, George Gaynor, Eleanor Bagnell, Ken Lewis, Eugene Grant, Bronagh McCourt, Baby Freddie Cross, Josie Young, Irene McIsaac, Sophie Robinson, Tricia Scott, Baby Aidan McGuire, Job Jose, Eileen and Rick Sheptak, Ann Dooley, Sr Jeanette Connell LCM, Vaji Naji, Christopher McCarthy, Caroline Cassidy, Ben Higgins, Frances O'Donnell, Anita and Roger Bromley, Wyns and Jan Meise, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Tom Cullimore, Nancy McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, Saramma Samuel, young Riley, baby Felix, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Mike Foy, Fr John Chadwick, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Stuart Falconer, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Damian Mulvenna, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Alasdair Mackay, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztein, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Mary McCormack, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, King Charles, Elizabeth McKenzie, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 14), Pat Campanile, Mireille McNab (aged 15), Michelle Lee, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John and Anne Havard, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), Evelyn Walsh, Eunice McDonald, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Michael Doherty, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 8), Kazim Kazimoglu, Tony Rigg, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Betty Blyth, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.